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Van Hollen: House GOP has Doubled Down on a Losing Plan

Washington, DC – Today Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen, Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee, issued the following statement in response to Congressman Paul Ryan's interview this morning on Meet the Press:

"Today Paul Ryan made the case for the House Republican vision for America: their same old plan on steroids. Congressional Republicans have consistently protected millionaires and special interests at the expense of seniors on Medicare and by slashing vital investments in education, innovation, and infrastructure that we need to sharpen our competitive edge. Now, to appease their extreme Tea Party caucus, House Republicans will accelerate those draconian cuts at a time while our economy is still recovering. They have doubled down on a losing plan for America that will shrink, not grow, our economy.

"There is no question we need to reduce our long-term deficits. But it can't be done by trying to divide our nation, or lurching from one GOP-created crisis to another. The President has put forward a balanced plan with targeted cuts in spending and targeted cuts in tax loopholes that we can no longer afford – they may not like President Obama's plan, but to say he doesn't have one simply isn't true. House Republicans are confusing an indiscriminate meat ax for a budget – and the American people will pay the price."

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